

Tuesday 2 October 1951

1. Mr. Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, called Mr. Pforzheimer to request that he come and brief Cong. Mahon, Chief of the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee, regarding the appropriation for a CIA building contained in the Armed Services Public Works bill presently before Mahon's Subcommittee. Mr. Pforzheimer briefed Mr. Mahon on the urgent needs for a building, together with cost figures and pointed out that Chairman Vinson and Chairman Russell of the House and Senate Armed Services Committee, for reasons of security, had handled the substantive matter before their committees themselves. Mr. Pforzheimer requested Cong. Mahon to do likewise if possible and he agreed that it would be preferable but that he would have to consider the problem at least overnight and will inform us if any additional appearance will be necessary.

2. On instructions from Mr. Dulles, WLP checked with Mr. Bassford, Legislative Counsel for ECA, regarding their reply to the request of Senator Ferguson as to the payment of funds by Italian industrialists to the Italian Communist Party. ECA is preparing a very general reply to the Senator and referring the matter to their Rome mission.

WLP discussed this matter also with Mr. Millikan, AD/ORR, who had received

a request for information on the same subject from Mr. Bissell, Acting Administrator, ECA. Mr. Millikan called Mr. Hopkinson of ECA and told him the matter was now in legislative channels.

In accordance with Mr. Dulles' approval, WLP called Senator Ferguson's office for an appointment to brief him orally on his letter to CIA on this matter.

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